

## Michigan Department of Community Health Fiscal Year 2007 Free Clinic Funding Summary Report

In fiscal year 2007, \$250,000 was allocated for the second consecutive year to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for equal distribution among free clinic organizations serving Michigan's indigent population. The Health Planning and Access to Care Section within the MDCH Health Policy, Regulations, & Professions Administration reviewed eligibility criteria, oversaw the application process, and managed purchase order agreements with those clinics awarded funding.

MDCH, in collaboration with Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM), reviewed the eligibility criteria for the grant awards. Eligible clinics met the following criteria:

- A free clinic must be a nonprofit organization that uses volunteer clinicians to provide health care to uninsured patients.
- The clinic must have 501(c)(3) or other nonprofit status.
- The majority of providers on staff must be volunteers.
- Services provided must be free of charge.
- Clients served must be uninsured for the services provided.
- Less than 25% of total clinic revenue can be 3<sup>rd</sup> party or government funding.

Utilizing an updated FCOM directory of free clinic organizations along with information obtained through the fiscal year 2006 grant application process, funding applications were distributed to 52 potential free clinic organizations throughout Michigan. The application period ran from December 5, 2006 to January 26, 2007. Given the limited grant writing resources of most applicant organizations, MDCH staff was available to assist clinics in completing the application. Forty-two applicants met the established criteria for funding and each of these organizations received an award of \$5,952.38. For a complete list of grantees, see the attached Appendix.

The 42 funded free clinic organizations were located in 27 counties across Michigan. Counties with multiple grantees include Kent (5 grantees), Macomb (2 grantees), Oakland (3 grantees), Ottawa (2 Grantees), Saginaw (3 Grantees), Washtenaw (2 grantees), and Wayne (5 grantees).

**Figure 1. Distribution of Funded Free Clinic Age by Total Years of Operation in 2007**

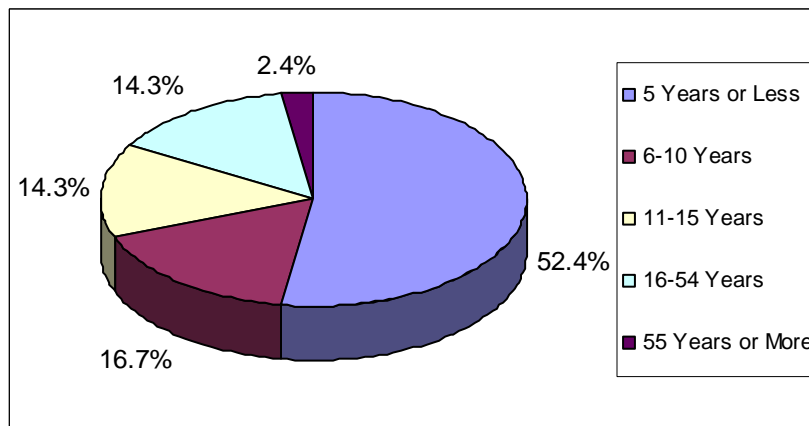


Figure 1 illustrates the percentage distribution of funded free clinics in 5 age groupings (0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-54, and 55 years or more in operation). Five year intervals were not used for the last two age groups due to the limited number of clinics within those ranges.

Funded organizations ranged in terms of years of operation from within their first year open, to in their 57<sup>th</sup> year providing care to the uninsured. Fifty-two percent of funded organizations had been open 5 or fewer years; seventeen percent had been open more than 5 but fewer than 10 years; fourteen percent had been open more than 10 but fewer than 15 years; and seventeen percent had been open more than 15 years. Three funded organizations had been open 30 or more years.

According to information offered in the application process, funded organizations provide health care services during more than 6,400 uninsured visits a month through the assistance of clinical and administrative volunteers offering over 2,900 volunteer hours per week. The range of patient care services offered varies between clinics, but can include more than 13 healthcare services. The most common services offered by funded free clinics include prescription assistance (95.2%), lab testing (83.3%), provision of glucometer strips (81.0%), and health education classes (81.0%). Other services offered include but may not be limited to: x-rays, minor emergency care, ongoing primary care, mental health counseling, employment physicals, dental care, and specialty clinics. See Figure 2 for more information.

**Figure 2. Percentage of Funded Clinics Offering Specific Services by Service Type**

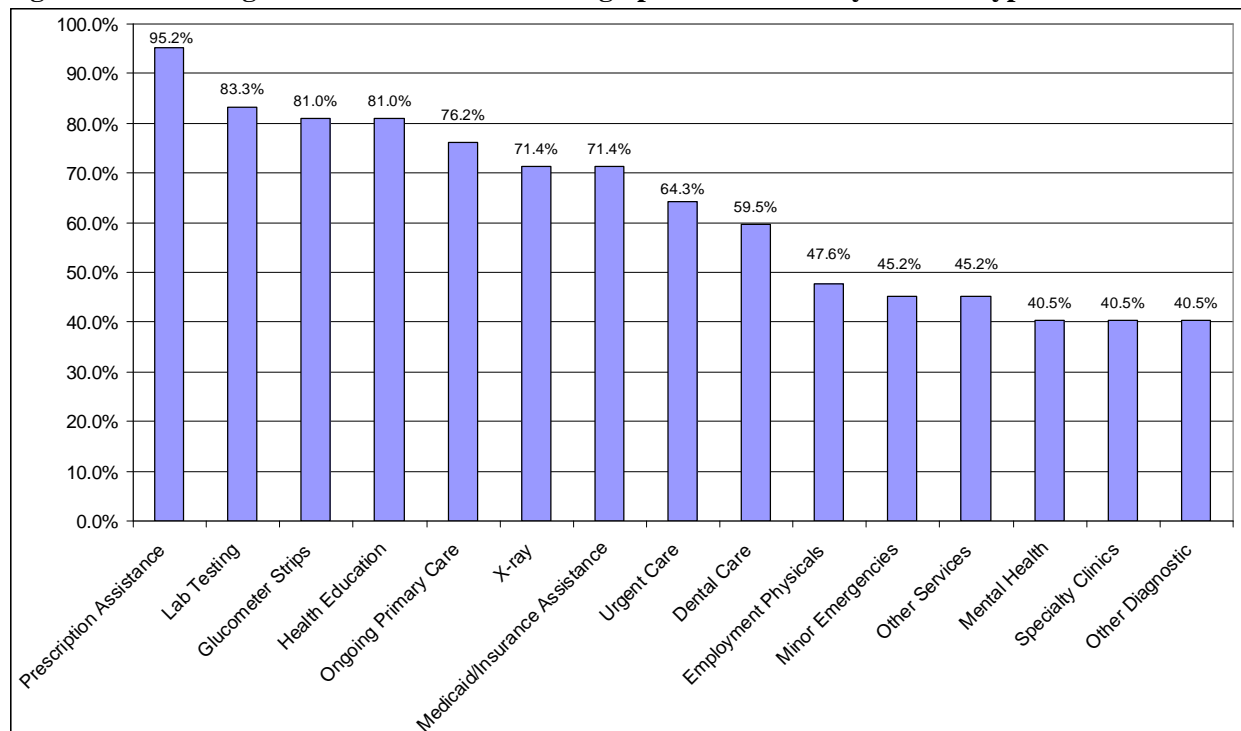


Figure 2 illustrates the difference in frequency by which certain services are offered among funded free clinic organizations. For each service, the percentage shown represents the proportion of funded free clinics that reported offering that specific service in the initial application.

Required reporting on grant expenditures indicated that the majority of funding through MDCH was used to support basic operational costs. Seventy-five percent of funded organizations used the funding to maintain their current operations. In some of these cases, MDCH funds were used to cover basic operational costs allowing the use of other revenue sources to support expansion of service hours or enhancements to services offered. Twenty-eight percent of funded organizations used MDCH funds to directly supported expanded service or staff hours. One organization reported use of MDCH funds directly on the availability of a new pilot dental program.

Seventy percent of funded agencies reported using a portion of the grant award toward clinical care expenses including prescription assistance programs and supplements to clinical staff. Sixty-five percent of funded agencies reported using a portion of the funds toward durable medical equipment and other medical and lab testing supplies. Fifty percent of funded agencies reported using a portion of the funds toward administrative expenses including office equipment, and administrative services and salaries. See figure 3 for more information.

**Figure 3. Percentage of Clinics Using MDCH Funding Towards Specific Expenditures by Expenditure Type**

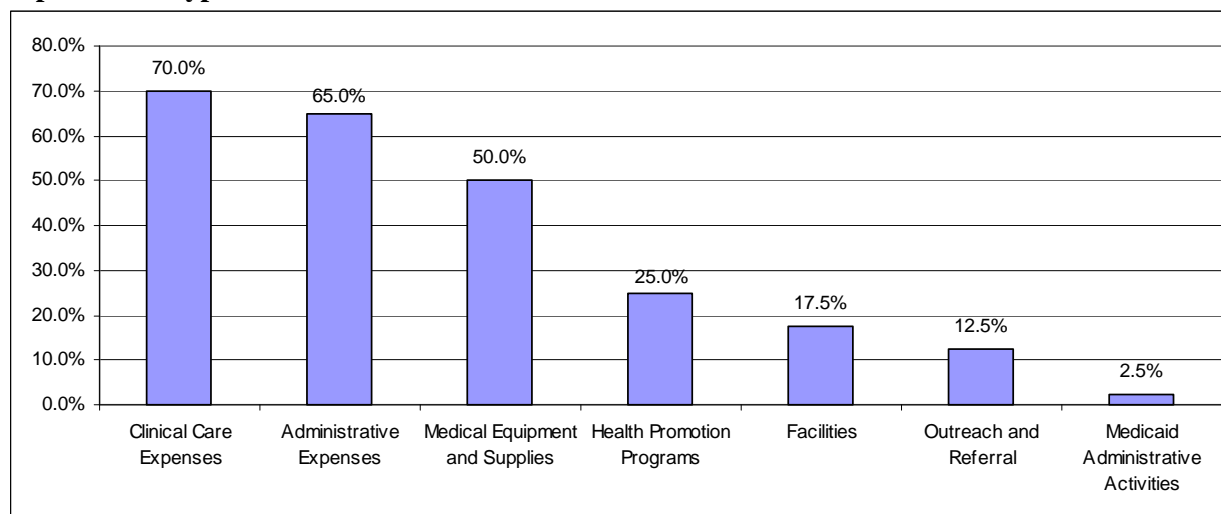


Figure 3 illustrates the difference in frequency of free clinic utilization of MDCH funds by the type of expense paid for with MDCH funds. Free clinic organizations often reported use of MDCH funds for multiple expenditure types and the percentages shown represent the percentage of all funded clinics reporting use of the funds for that particular expenditure type. Percentages shown above should not necessarily add to 100%.

In an optional section of the funding application, information was collected on the demographics of the patient population seen at each free clinic. The vast majority of clinics did respond to the optional questions.

Sixty percent of responding clinics reported that all of their patients are at or below two times the Federal Poverty Line (the 2007 Federal Poverty Line in terms of annual income is \$20,650 for a family of four or \$10,210 for an individual). Eighty-five percent of clinics reported that at least nine out of ten patients are at or below two times the Federal Poverty Line. All responding organizations reported that some of their patients are employed full-time. Twenty percent of respondents indicated that at least half of their patients are employed full-time.

Data provided from free clinics on patient race and ethnicity is difficult to aggregate, but the individual components demonstrate that Michigan's free clinics collectively care for a racially and ethnically diverse population.

The majority of clinics reported that their patient population is mostly (greater than seventy percent) aged 19 to 64. Over half of all clinics, however, reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 18 years or younger, and two thirds reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 65 years of age or older.

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**Appendix. Fiscal Year 2007 - Funded Free Clinic Organizations**

<b>AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.</b> 1100 E. Michigan Ave Grayling, MI 49738	<b>Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic</b> 90 University Pontiac, MI 48342	<b>Neighbors Caring for Neighbors Clinic</b> 215 North Ave. Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
<b>Cadillac Area Community Health Clinic</b> 400 Hobart St Cadillac, MI 49601	<b>Genesee County Free Medical Clinic</b> 2437 Welch Blvd. Flint, MI 48504	<b>Northern Care Center</b> 225 Water Street Cheboygan, MI 49721
<b>Cass County Free Health Clinic</b> 400 W. Division, P.O. Box 378 Dowagiac, MI 49047	<b>Guardian Angel Care, Inc.</b> 2550 Eastern Ave. Grand Rapids, MI 49507	<b>Oasis of Hope Center</b> 522 Leonard Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504
<b>Cathedral Mental Health Care</b> 705 Hoyt Avenue Saginaw, MI 48607	<b>Health Intervention Services</b> 15 Andre SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507	<b>Peoples' Clinic</b> 3110 Goulden St Port Huron, MI 48060
<b>Catherine's Care Center</b> 224 Carrier NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505	<b>Healthy Futures</b> 800 S Washington Ave. Saginaw, MI 48501	<b>Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County</b> 15 Church Street Coldwater, MI 49036
<b>City on a Hill Ministries Health Clinic</b> 100 S. Pine St., Suite 140 Zeeland, MI 49464	<b>Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic</b> 1900 Columbus Avenue Bay City, MI 48708	<b>Riverside Health Clinic</b> 207 E. Michigan Ave, P.O. Box 422 Three Rivers, MI 49093
<b>Community Action Agency Free Clinic</b> 400 West South Street Adrian, MI 49221	<b>Holland Free Health Clinic</b> 99 W. 26 <sup>th</sup> Street Holland, MI 49423	<b>Shelter Association of Washtenaw County</b> P.O. Box 7370 Ann Arbor, MI 48107
<b>Community Free Clinic</b> 820 Arlington Ave, Suite 6 Petoskey, MI 49770	<b>Hope Medical Clinic, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 980311 Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0311	<b>St. Frances Cabrini Clinic of Most Holy Trinity Church</b> 1050 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48226-2405
<b>Community Health Access Coalition (CHAC)</b> 1108 Kimball Street, STE 2 Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783	<b>The HUDA Clinic</b> 1605 W. Davison Ave Detroit, MI 48238	<b>St. Luke's Clinic</b> 124 N. Elm Ave, P.O. Box 4123 Jackson, MI 49204
<b>The Dr. Albert B. Cleage, Sr. Memorial Health Center</b> 8045 Second Avenue Detroit, MI 48202-2427	<b>Joy-Southfield Health Center</b> 18917 Joy Road Detroit, MI 48228	<b>St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale County, Inc.</b> 3 N. Broad Street Hillsdale, MI 49242
<b>Faith Community Free Health Clinic</b> P.O. Box 565 Delton, MI 49046	<b>Loving Hands Clinic</b> 148 Maple Grove Road Lapeer, MI 48446	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Health Center</b> 15055 Hubbell Detroit, MI 48219
<b>Fountain Clinic</b> 111 N. Jefferson St., STE 1 Marshall, MI 49068	<b>MAPI Charitable Clinic</b> 1900 Sherwood Glen Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302	<b>Traverse Health Clinic &amp; Coalition</b> 3147 Logan Valley Road Traverse City, MI 49684
<b>Frank N. Andersen Regional Eye Foundation</b> 5400 Mackinaw, Suite 5000, P.O. Box 5961 Saginaw, MI 48603	<b>Medical Care Access Coalition, Inc.</b> 1414 W. Fair Avenue Marquette, MI 49855	<b>Wesley Health</b> 1150 32 <sup>nd</sup> SW Wyoming, MI 49509
<b>The Free Clinic of Kalamazoo</b> 2918 Portage Road Kalamazoo, MI 49001	<b>Medical Outreach Clinic (MOC)</b> 1000 Harrington Rd Mount Clemens, MI 48043	
	<b>Mercy Place Clinic</b> 55 Clinton St Pontiac, MI 48342	